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DECLARATION OF JOUNI HUUSKONEN

Dear Sir:

I, Jouni Huuskonen, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.132, declare as follows.

1. I am one of the named inventors for the above-identified patent application.
2. I am aware of the office action mailed in this application on May 31, 2004 and I have reviewed the references cited by the examiner, e.g., United States Patent No. 4,298,652 to Suzuki et al. and WO/00/34584.
3. I am aware that Suzuki described a brightness of below 80% in connection with the paper being described in that patent. I am also aware that WO/'584 described an opacity of at least 85 % in connection with the papermaking described in that international publication. In

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neither case would the paper being described by Suzuki and WO/ '584 have to have the combination of all three criteria of brightness, opacity and roughness as described by the claims in this application.

The undersigned, being warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. §1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon, hereby declares that the above statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

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